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STRAIN MYSELF
CARRYING
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JEWELS!

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WATER'S DAMMING
UP AGAIN! WE'LL
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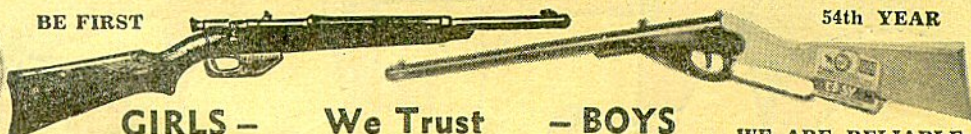


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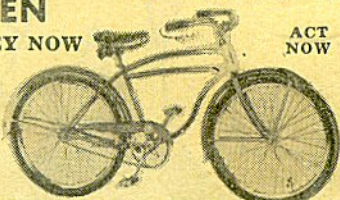
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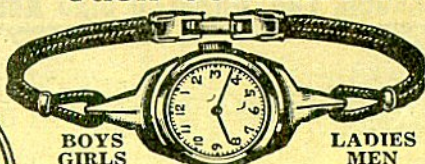
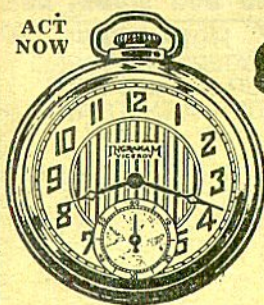


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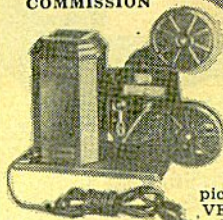
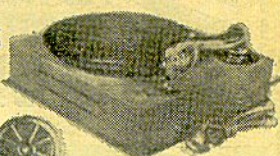
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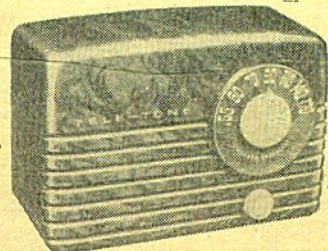
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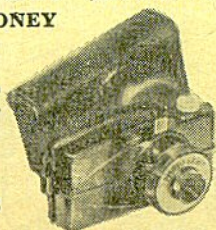
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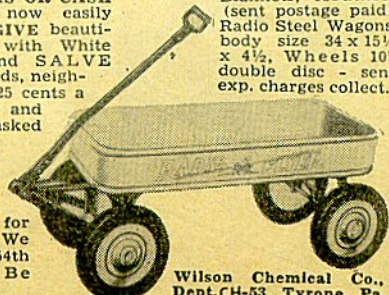
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and the LITTLE WISE GUYS

STORY BY

CHARLES BIRO

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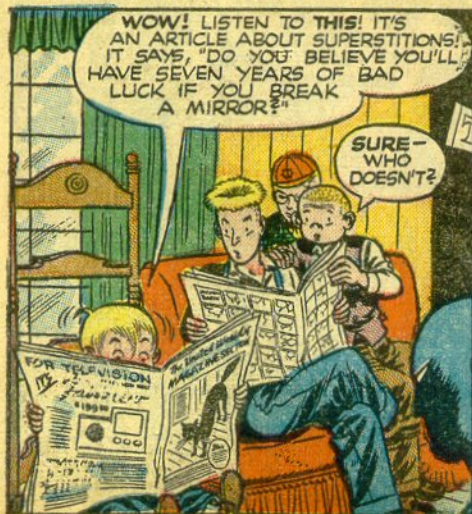
I...I'LL PROVE I'M NOT SUPERSTITIOUS! GULP! I'M NOT SCARED OF BREAKING A S...SILLY OLD MIRROR!



SOME PEOPLE CONSIDER BREAKING A MIRROR BAD LUCK BECAUSE, IN ANCIENT TIMES, PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT A MAN'S REFLECTION WAS ACTUALLY HIS SOUL! THEY BELIEVE THAT WALKING UNDER LADDERS IS UNLUCKY BECAUSE THE TRIANGLE WAS A SYMBOL OF LIFE AND BREAKING IT—AS BY WALKING UNDER A LADDER—WOULD THEREFORE SHORTEN ONE'S LIFE! SIMILARLY, THE FEAR OF BLACK CATS REFLECTS THE MEDIEVAL BELIEF THAT THEY WERE WITCHES, AND KNOCKING ON WOOD IS WHAT THE PAGANS USED TO DO WHEN THEY WANTED TO SCARE AWAY EVIL SPIRITS! SUPERSTITIONS LIKE THESE ARE FOOLISH, BUT THEY MAKE SOME OF US EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE!

IN THIS STORY, THE WISE GUYS NOT ONLY BECOME CONVINCED OF THE FOOLISHNESS OF SUCH UNREASONED BELIEFS, BUT AS A DIRECT RESULT, BECOME INVOLVED IN A SEARCH FOR THE FABULOUS LOST PALACE OF ZANZARAH AND ITS PRICELESS TREASURE!

Charles Biro



WOW! LISTEN TO THIS! IT'S AN ARTICLE ABOUT SUPERSTITIONS! IT SAYS, "DO YOU BELIEVE YOU'LL HAVE SEVEN YEARS OF BAD LUCK IF YOU BREAK A MIRROR?"

SURE—WHO DOESN'T?



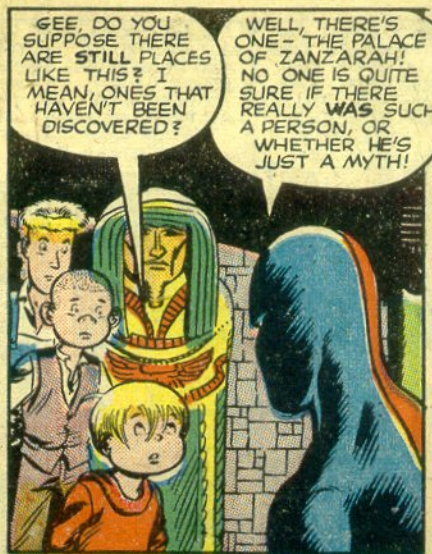
"ARE YOU CONCERNED WHEN A BLACK CAT CROSSES YOUR PATH?" YOU'RE DOGGONE... RIGHT I AM!

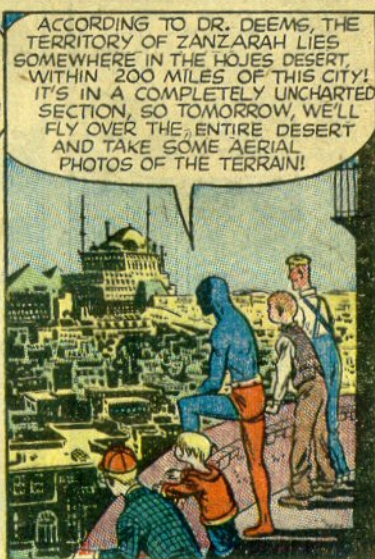
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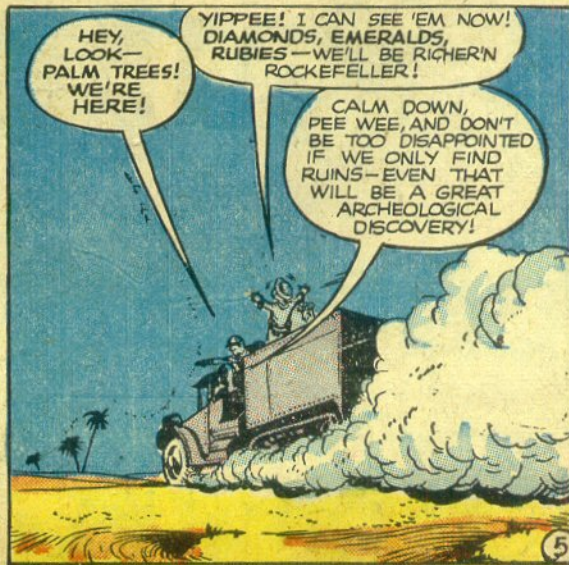
IT SURE IS!

YOU GUYS DON'T REALLY MEAN THAT, DO YOU? I READ THE ARTICLE MYSELF! IT ANNOUNCES A SPECIAL SUPERSTITION EXHIBIT AT THE CITY MUSEUM TO EXPLODE ALL THOSE CRAZY BELIEFS! WHAT SAY WE TAKE IT IN, WISE GUYS?

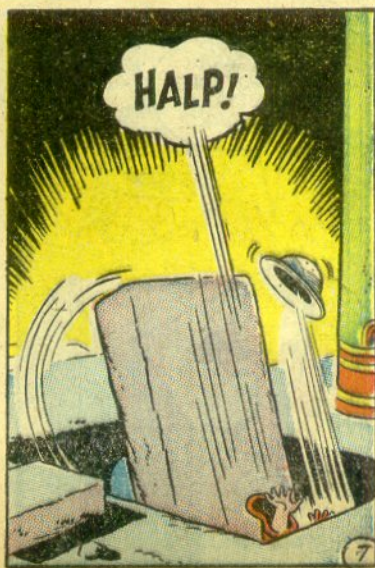
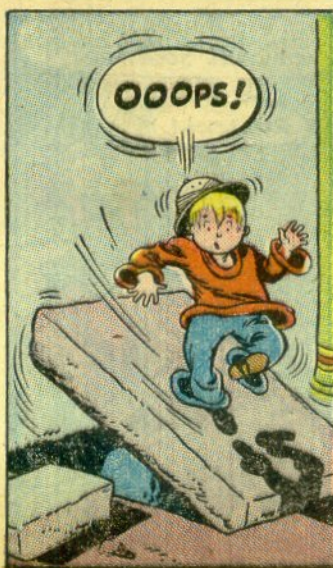
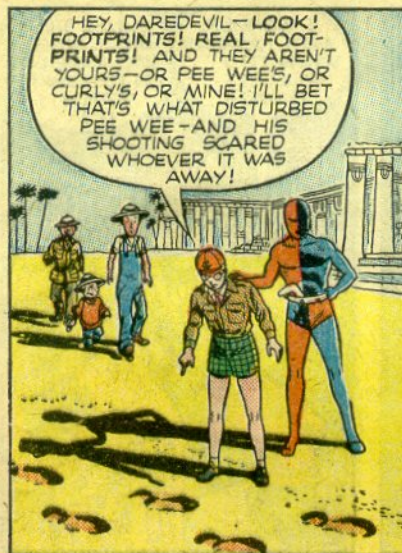


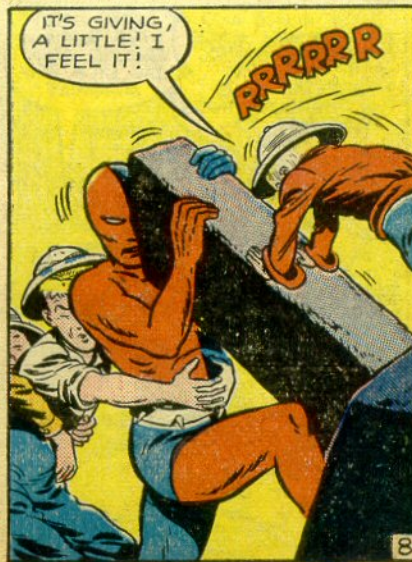
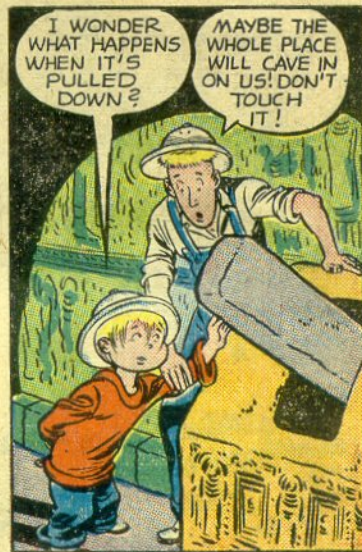














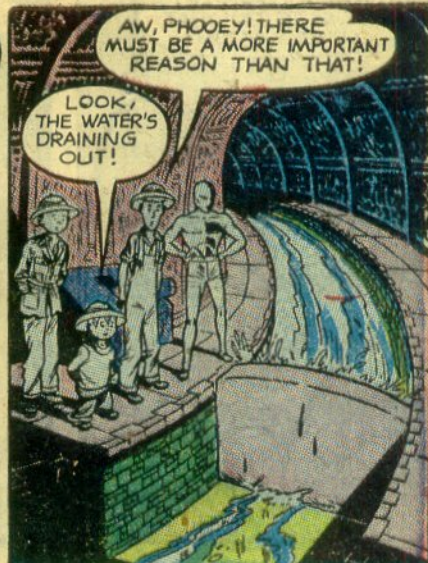
WOW! LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT IN THE RIVER!

IT'S DAMMING UP!



NOW WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY BUILT THAT?

MAYBE TO MAKE A SWIMMIN' POOL!



AW, PHOOEY! THERE MUST BE A MORE IMPORTANT REASON THAN THAT!

LOOK, THE WATER'S DRAINING OUT!



HOLD ON THERE, WISE GUYS! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE? IT LOOKS LIKE A BIG STONE TRAP-DOOR DOWN IN THE RIVER BED!



FOR PETE'S SAKE! IS IT REALLY A DOOR?

MUST BE! HERE'S A METAL RING TO PULL IT UP WITH!



HURRY, D.D.! THAT WATER IS NEARLY TO THE TOP OF THE DAM! GET OUT OR YOU'LL BE WASHED AWAY!



HURRY, D.D.! YOU'RE GIVIN' ME HEART FAILURE!



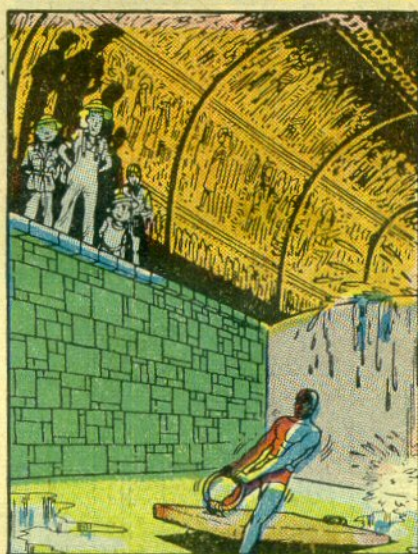
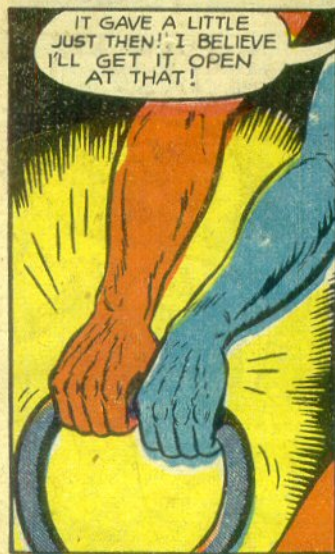
WE'LL LOWER THE DAM TO EASE THE WATER PRESSURE! THEN WE'LL RAISE IT AGAIN AND I'LL GO BACK TO INVESTIGATE THAT DOOR! THAT WATER ONLY GIVES US ABOUT FIVE MINUTES TO WORK IN!

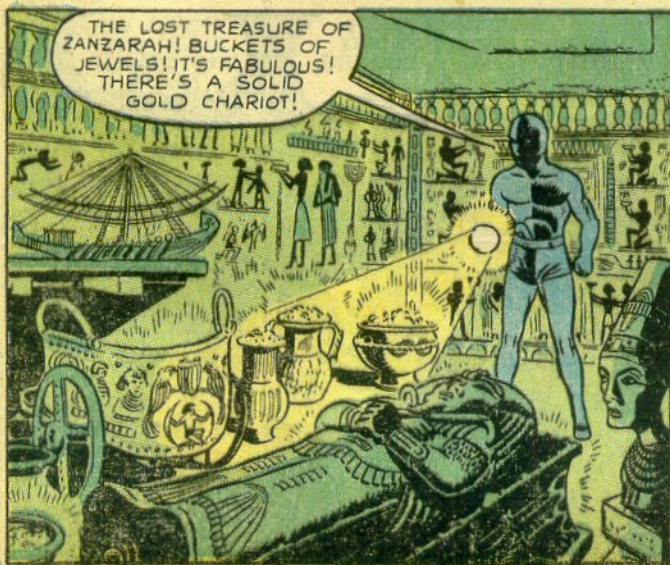


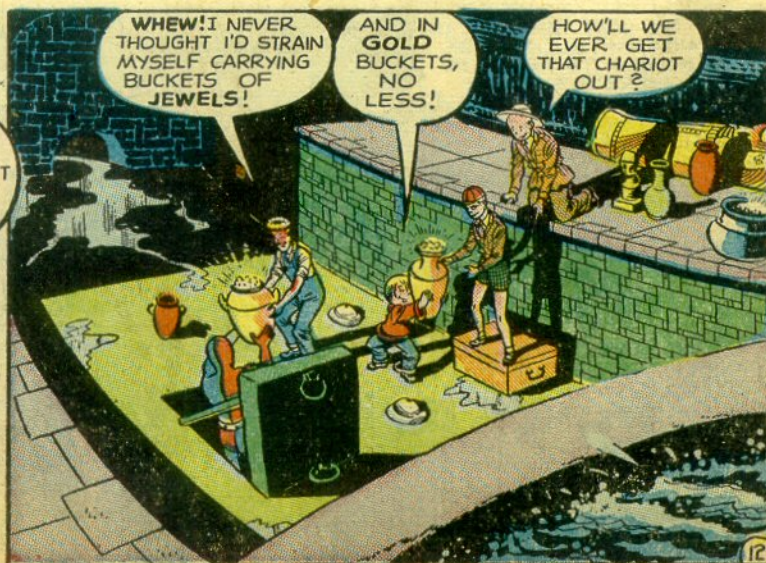
JEEPERS, D.D.! I'LL BET THAT'S WHERE ALL THE GOLD AN' JEWELS AN STUFF ARE HIDDEN, I'LL BET, I'LL BET!

COULD BE, PEE WEE! WE'LL SOON KNOW!

BOY! IT'S SURE A LOT EASIER TO LOWER IT THAN TO RAISE IT!











**BANG
BANG**

HEY,
FELLERS!
HELP!



WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT... OH, NO!
SOMEBODY STOLE
THE TRUCK!

SCARECROW,
YOU BIG CLUMSY
DOPE! HOW
COULD YOU!



I-I FELL ASLEEP
STANDING UP! GEE,
I FEEL AWFUL-THE
TREASURES GONE
AFTER ALL OUR
WORK!

AND
SO IS THE
TRUCK! HOW
THE HECK WILL
WE EVER GET
AWAY FROM
HERE NOW?



RELAX, BOYS! THINGS AREN'T
AS BAD AS THEY SEEM!
WE HAVE ALL THE SPARE
GAS HERE! THERE'S ONLY
ENOUGH IN THE TRUCK
TO TAKE IT ABOUT THREE
MILES! EACH OF YOU TAKE
A CAN OF GAS AND WE'LL
FOLLOW THE TRACKS
IN THE SAND!



ONCE WE GET THAT CROOK
AND THE TRUCK, WE'LL DRIVE
STRAIGHT BACK TO CAIRO
AND TURN THE TREASURE
OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES!



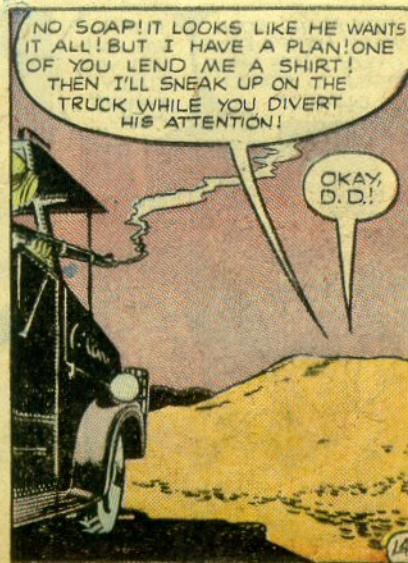
I SEE IT, DAREDEVIL!
IT'S ABOUT A HUNDRED
FEET OFF TO THE RIGHT
OF THAT DUNE!
SEE IT?



DUCK!
THE CRAZY
'LOON WHO
SWIPED OUR
TRUCK IS
SHOOTING
AT US!



WHOEVER YOU ARE, BE
SENSIBLE! YOU CAN'T GO
ANY FURTHER WITHOUT GAS
AND WE CAN'T GET BACK TO
CIVILIZATION WITHOUT THE
TRUCK! THERE'S PLENTY
OF TREASURE FOR
US ALL!



NO SOAP! IT LOOKS LIKE HE WANTS
IT ALL! BUT I HAVE A PLAN! ONE
OF YOU LEND ME A SHIRT!
THEN I'LL SNEAK UP ON THE
TRUCK WHILE YOU DIVERT
HIS ATTENTION!

OKAY,
D.D.!



I SUPPOSE I MAY AS WELL TELL YOU! MY NAME'S JOE VARNEY, AND I'M AN AMERICAN! IT'S A LONG STORY AS TO HOW I HAPPENED TO BE HERE IN EGYPT! I'LL GO ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE BEGINNING!



"I WAS SERVING A LIGHT SENTENCE FOR PETTY LARCENY IN AN OHIO JAIL WHEN THE WAR BROKE OUT! I WAS CALLED INTO THE WARDEN'S OFFICE!"

VARNEY, IF YOU'D LIKE TO ENLIST IN THE ARMY I CAN ARRANGE TO HAVE YOU SERVE OUT YOUR SENTENCE THAT WAY, SINCE YOU ARE A FIRST OFFENDER AND YOUR CRIME WAS A MINOR ONE!

THAT SUITS ME FINE, WARDEN! WHEN DO I START?



"I SERVED IN THE STATES FOR AWHILE AND THEN I WAS SHIPPED OVERSEAS—"

DO YOU THINK YOU'LL LIKE DESERT WAR, VARNEY? I HEAR WE'RE HEADING FOR EGYPT!

IT'S OKAY WITH ME!



"I'D ONLY BEEN IN EGYPT A SHORT TIME WHEN I WAS CALLED INTO THE C.O.'S OFFICE!"

VARNEY, YOU'RE TO BE SHIPPED BACK TO THE STATES TO STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER!

FOR MURDER? I DON'T GET IT!



THE OHIO POLICE HAVE EVIDENCE THAT LINKS YOU TO THE KILLING OF YOUR FORMER PARTNER! IT'S OUT OF MY HANDS! REPORT TO THE GUARDHOUSE!



I CAN'T GO BACK! THEY'LL EXECUTE ME FOR SURE! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!



"THE NIGHT BEFORE I WAS TO BE SHIPPED BACK, I BROKE OUT—"



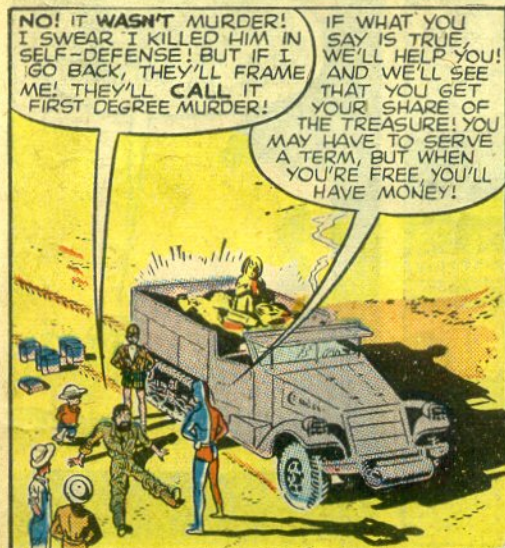
"I RIFLED THE ARMY STORES FOR PROVISIONS! I TOOK ALL I COULD CARRY!"

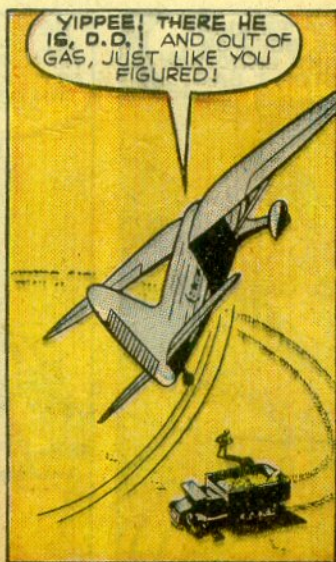


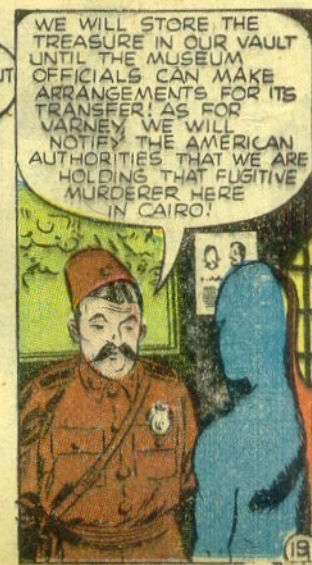
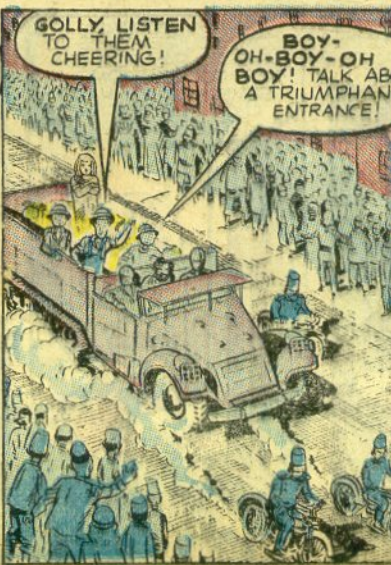
"THEN I HEADED OUT INTO THE DESERT!"

I'D RATHER DIE OUT HERE THAN GO BACK AND STAND TRIAL!

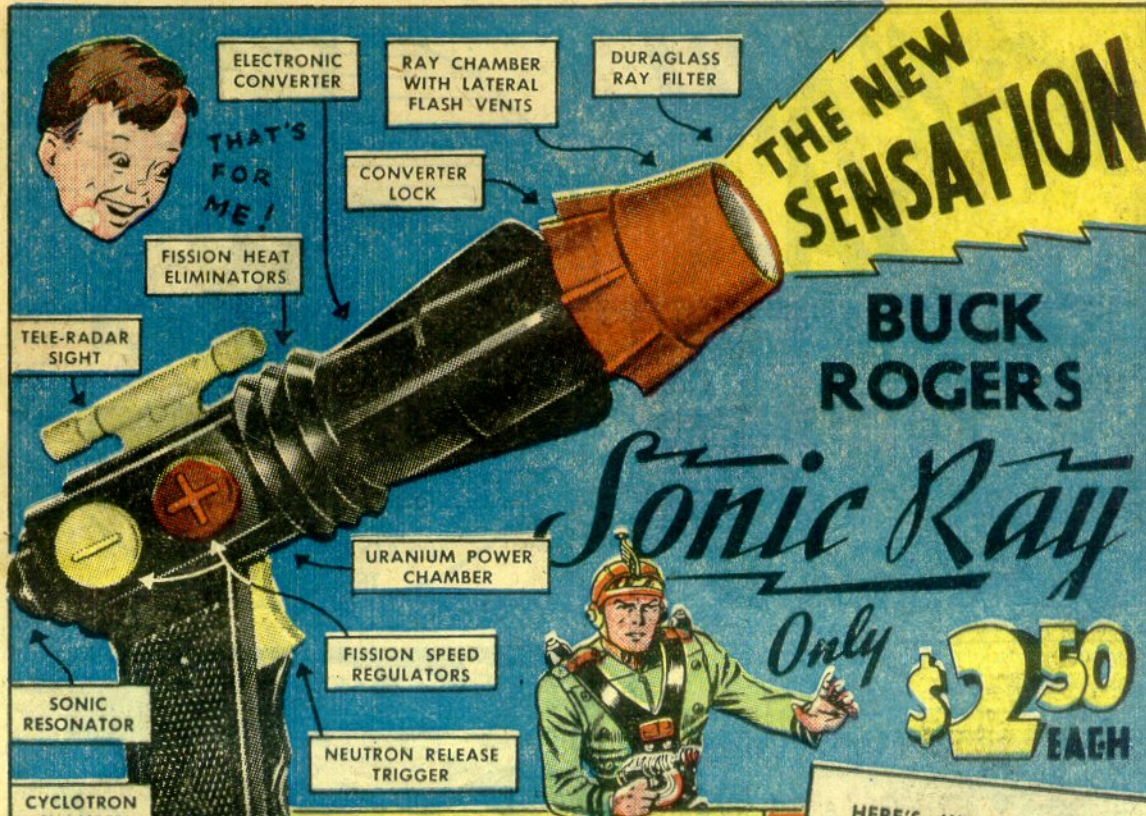












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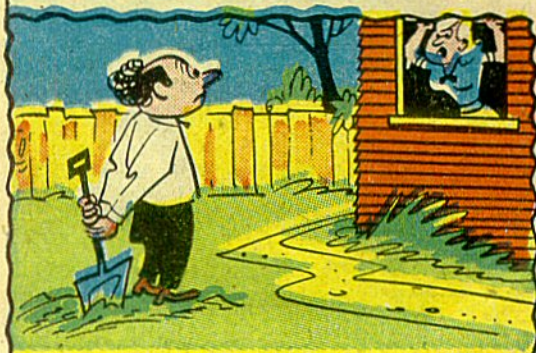
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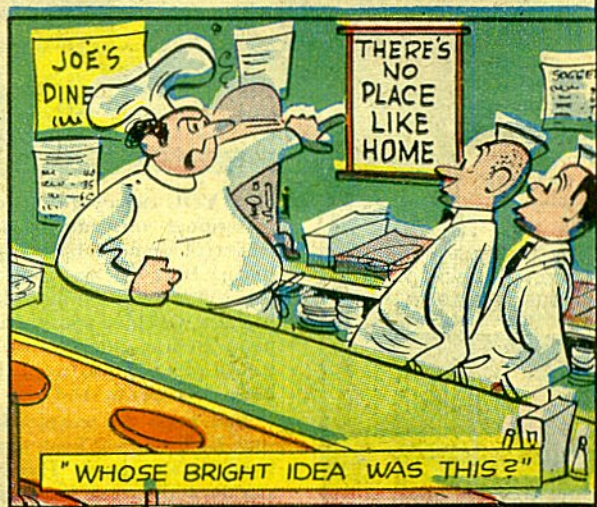
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"JOHN, I CAN'T FIND MY NEW HAT ANYWHERE-HAVE YOU SEEN IT?"



"I KNEW THAT BUBBLE GUM WOULD GET HIM IN TROUBLE!"



"WHOSE BRIGHT IDEA WAS THIS?"

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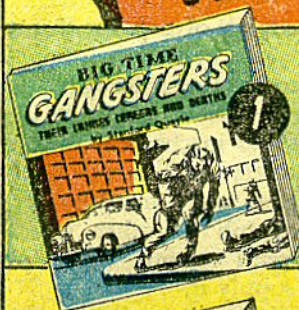
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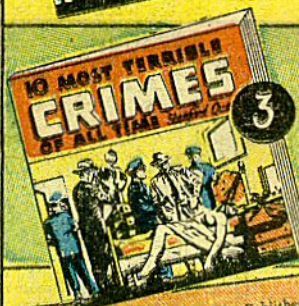


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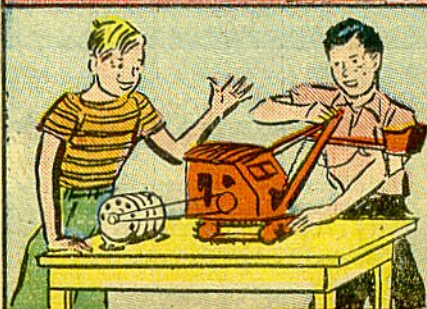
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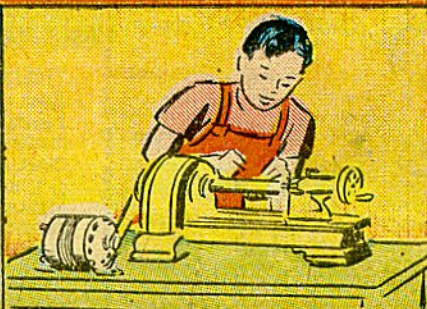
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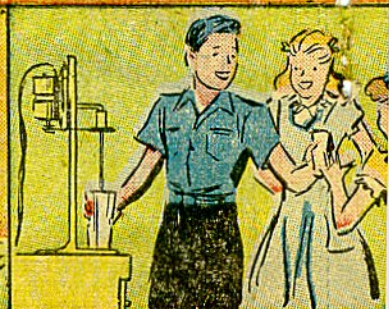
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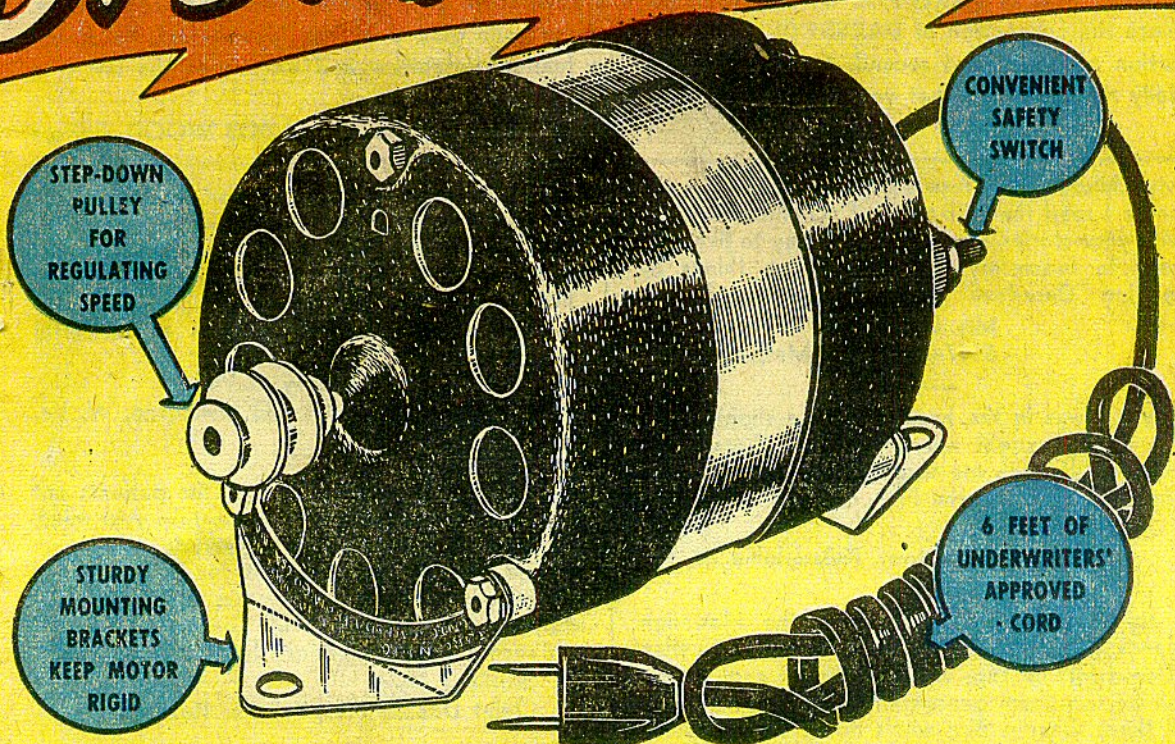


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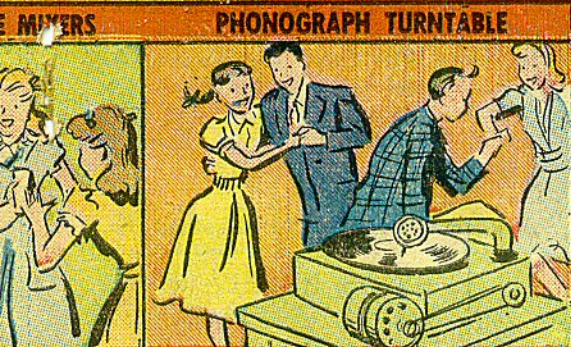
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SURE, I'M GOIN'! AN' SINCE EACH GUEST CAN BRING ALONG A FRIEND, YOU'RE GOIN' TOO, CRUSHER! AINTCHA THRILLED?

NOT PARTICULARLY! THAT OBUURDO'S A BIG PHONY! WHY DON'T YA TAKE SOMEONE ELSE?

WHO?

I'LL GO, SNIFFER!

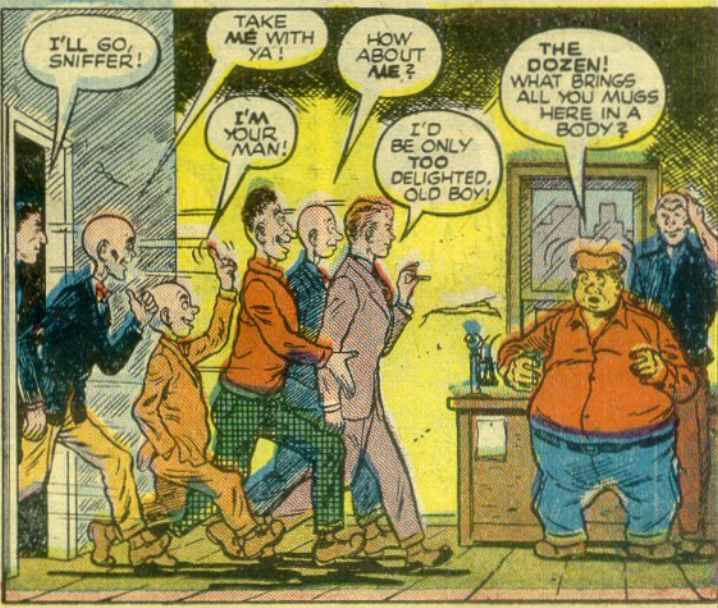
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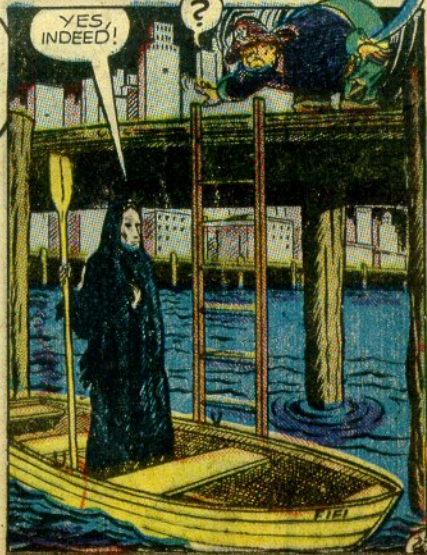
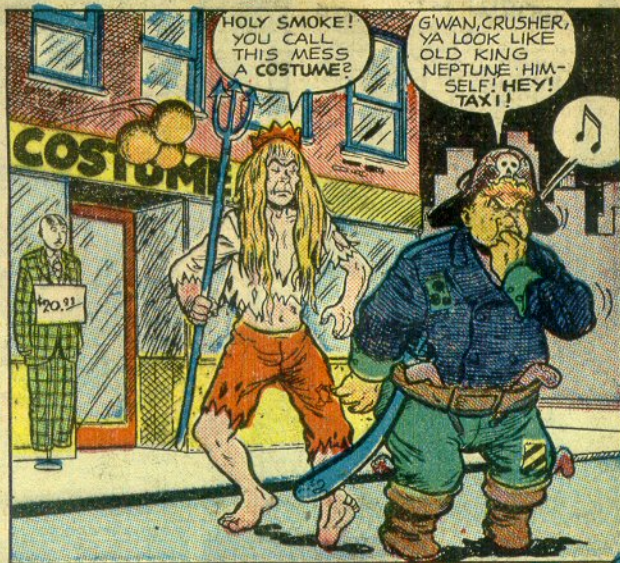
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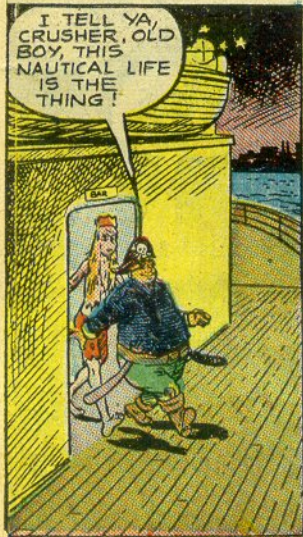
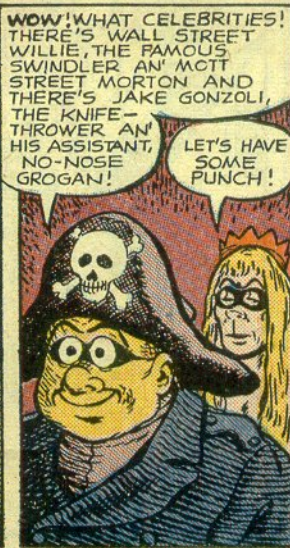
I'M YOUR MAN!

I'D BE ONLY TOO DELIGHTED, OLD BOY!

THE DOZEN! WHAT BRINGS ALL YOU MUGS HERE IN A BODY?









SAY, WHO DO YOU MUSS THINK YOU ARE, SNEAKING ABOARD LIKE THAT?

?



I THINK YOU'RE SLIGHTLY CARRIED AWAY WITH THE NAUTICAL ATMOSPHERE-BUT I'M WITH YA, SNIFFER!

C'MON, AN' WE'LL MOP UP THESE CUTTHROATS FAST!



TAKE THAT!

OW! BOP!

LEGGIO ME!

WHAM!



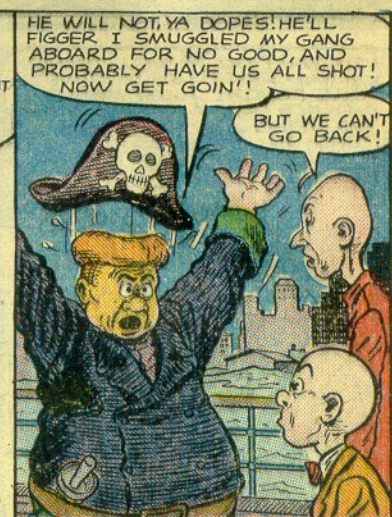
OW! HEY, SNIFFER, CUT IT OUT, WILL YA?

?



THE DOZEN! WHATCHA DOIN' HERE? I TOLD YOU, YA COULDN'T COME!

WE REALIZED LUIS OBRURDO WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE US ON ACCOUNT OF WE ARE PROMINENT CITIZENS, TOO!



HE WILL NOT, YA DOPES! HE'LL FIGGER I SMUGGLED MY GANG ABOARD FOR NO GOOD, AND PROBABLY HAVE US ALL SHOT! NOW GET GOIN'!

BUT WE CAN'T GO BACK!



...OUR ROWBOAT HAS DRIFTED AWAY! GIANT KILLER, FORGOT TO TIE IT UP!

HEY, SNIFFER-HOW ABOUT SOME FOOD?

WELL, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO SWIM BACK! BUT RIGHT NOW YA GOTTA HIDE, BUT QUICK!



CAN'T I HIDE, TOO, AN' LET ONE OF THE OTHER GUYS WEAR THIS MESS OF A DISGUISE?

NO! NOW YOU GUYS LAY LOW, SEE? AN' DON'T MAKE NO NOISE AN' MAYBE I CAN DOPE OUT SOME ANGLE!

WHAT ABOUT US EATIN'?

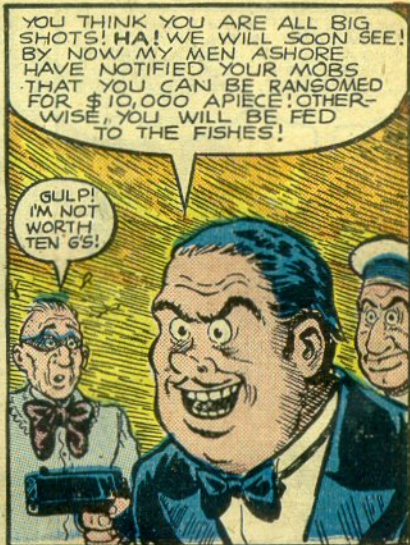


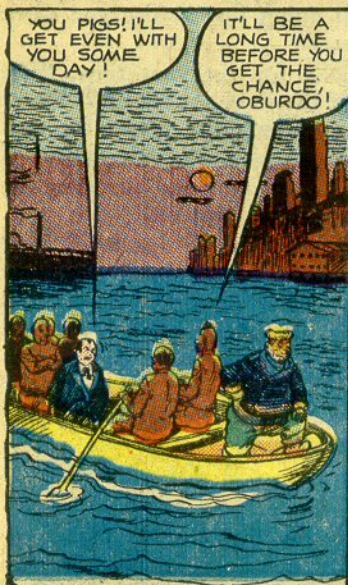
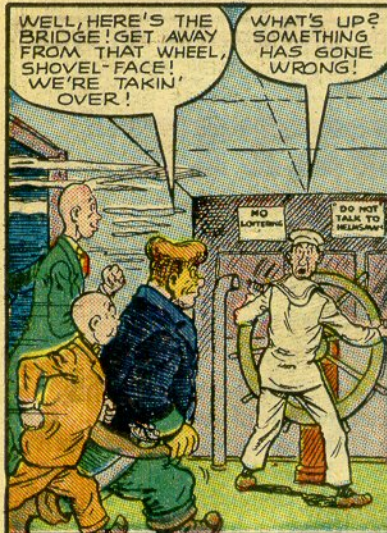
OKAY, OKAY! I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET SOME SAND-WICHES AN' STUFF! COME ON, CRUSHER!

YA BETTER HURRY, OR WE'RE COMIN' OUT!

HEY, OW! GET YOUR FOOT OUTTA MY FACE!







THE CASE OF THE DEATH-DEALING STATUETTE

A C.B. STORY

LOOVER, C. B. and Medical Inspector Wendell entered the library of the Merrin house at 9:12 P.M. Twenty minutes earlier, Fred Merrin had called headquarters to say, brokenly, that his father, Henry Merrin, had been murdered.

Mr. Merrin's long, lean body lay curled on the floor near a book-covered wall, almost as if he had fallen asleep there. A wooden figurine in the form of a Chinese god lay on the thick rug near his head. Wendell walked over to the body and bent to examine it.

Loover and C. B. turned their attention to the four live occupants of the room. Mrs. Merrin, a beautiful woman of about forty-five, was sitting in the big, comfortable desk chair. She was white and tense, but controlled. Her son Fred stood solicitously behind her, a protective hand on his mother's shoulder and a bewildered look on his face. Jean Merrin, his attractive young sister, stood just inside the doorway. She was sobbing freely and seemed equally unconscious of the arm around her shoulders and of the soothing words the owner of the arm was murmuring in a vain attempt to quiet her. He was Paul Lane, a pleasant-faced, athletic-looking young man and he towered over the girl who, like her mother and brother, was shorter than average.

"Mr. Loover?" Fred Merrin asked. At Loover's nod, he went on. "I'm Fred Merrin. This is my mother . . . my sister Jean . . . Paul Lane, Jean's . . . er . . . Paul Lane," he ended awkwardly. Loover listened as if their identities were news to him—as if he and C. B. had not, in the time between the call to headquarters and their arrival at the house, checked on the past and recent activities of the Merrins. The family was socially prominent and its doings were chronicled in the newspapers. A call to one of them had provided Loover and C. B. with more information than the subjects would have thought possible.

Mrs. Merrin, for instance, had been seen at the race tracks recently with a certain Bill Poole, while Mr. Merrin devoted himself to the book on stamp collecting he was writing. Jean and Paul, a struggling artist, were engaged in what

the papers termed a "whirlwind courtship," in spite of the disapproval of her father. Fred Merrin's picture had been in the papers just two days earlier, when he had acquired a precious Chinese statuette for a fabulous sum. It was this that lay near his father's head. C. B., joining Wendell near the body, picked up the little statue gingerly, so as not to disturb any fingerprints that might be on it. Its weight, he noticed, was much greater than its delicate appearance and small size of about a foot, suggested. After a minute he handed it to Wendell, who took it carefully, held it for a minute and handed it back, nodding.

Loover, meanwhile, questioned Fred Merrin. "You found Mr. Merrin yourself?"

"Yes," the young man nodded. "Mother sent me in to find out how father was feeling. He left us right after dinner, saying he had a slight headache. I thought at first he had fainted, but the minute I touched him, of course, I knew . . ."

"Did you touch anything in the room?"

"Just father. I started to pick up the statuette, but I realized it would be better not to. So I went to the phone and called."

"What were you doing just before you came in to see your father?"

Mrs. Merrin spoke for the first time. "We were all together in the living room until I sent Fred in. Jean was playing the piano for us."

"And did any of you leave the room between the time Mr. Merrin left you and the time his body was found?" Loover went on.

"We all did, at one time or another," Paul Lane answered from the doorway. "I went out to send a telegram. Mrs. Merrin and Jean left to answer phone calls. And Fred . . ." he stopped.

"I went to tell Jimson to bring drinks," Fred said quickly. "I didn't want to interrupt Jean's playing by ringing for him."

"I wonder if Jimson . . ." Mrs. Merrin said, and stopped.

"The servants are being questioned, Mrs. Merrin," Loover replied.

Wendell stood up and spoke to Loover. "Concussion," he said briskly. Merrin died immedi-

ately. That figure could have done it."

"The statuette?" Mrs. Merrin murmured. "But how? It's so light."

No one paid any attention to her and Wendell rumbled on. "He's been dead about an hour. I can't tell exactly. It's too warm in here. From the location of the bruise, the blow must have been delivered from above, in a downward sweep to the right."

"What's that in your hand?" C. B. interrupted.

"This book?" Wendell looked at the object he was holding. "I found it under the body." He handed it to C. B., who looked at the volume, then turned to look at the books on the shelves behind the body.

"Whoever did it," Wendell concluded, "was either taller than Merrin or stood on a chair."

"Whoever it was didn't stand on a chair," C. B., turned around to say. "It would have left a mark on this thick rug."

"Did anyone hear any unusual sounds?" Looover asked. No one had. "Could anyone have broken in without being heard?"

Just then, Sergeant Martin, who had been questioning the servants, entered. "The staff all agree that breaking into the house is practically impossible," he interrupted. "The doors are all locked from the inside and there's an alarm system. That's to protect Fred Merrin's art collection."

"This is part of your collection, isn't it?" Looover asked, indicating the statuette.

"The most recent addition," Fred replied.

"Where was it kept?" C. B. asked.

"Right there." Mrs. Merrin pointed to an empty spot in the bookcase about two feet above C. B.'s head.

"You have an extensive collection?" Looover queried.

"Extensive and exclusive," Paul Lane said. "I was here when that figurine came. Fred insisted I touch it—to admire the texture. But he pushed me away when I started to pick it up. He said I might drop it. It can't be very fragile, though, considering. . . . Then he put it up there, where neither Jean nor Mrs. Merrin would be able to get at it, he said."

"You're right, Lane," C. B. said. "It isn't fragile. It's much heavier than it looks—it's got a leaded base. But it does look light, as Mrs.

Merrin pointed out. It wouldn't occur to anyone to use it as a weapon—anyone but Fred Merrin, who knew how heavy it was. I suggest you arrest him, Looover."

"You're crazy," Fred Merrin shouted. "That's no evidence!"

"Don't be too sure," Looover said, grimly. "That's not all we have against you. You gave yourself away when you called up headquarters to say your father had been murdered. To any innocent person, his death would have looked like an accident, caused by the little statue's falling on his head. Only the murderer would think first of murder. But, of course, you wanted us to think it was murder—and suspect Paul Lane, who wants to marry Jean. That's why he got you to put your fingerprints all over the statuette, Lane, not realizing that it was the least likely weapon for anyone but himself to choose."

Fred protested vehemently, but unconvincingly, until Looover said, "Take him away, Sergeant."

"But I still don't understand," Paul Lane said. "Why did he try to throw the blame on me?"

"Well, C. B. said, "you were a likely suspect, since Mr. Merrin objected to your marrying Jean. And getting rid of you would prevent your marrying Jean, which Fred also objected to, because it would take Jean's share of her father's money out of his reach. He didn't want that, of course, since he committed the murder for money in the first place. I think we'll find that Fred found his allowance inadequate to pay for all the objects he wanted for his collection—so he took steps to get his inheritance."

"But wait a minute," Paul said. "Fred's almost a foot shorter than his father was. How could he have hit him the way the examiner said?"

"He couldn't have, if his father had been standing," C. B. said. "But Mr. Merrin had just bent down to take this off the shelf." He held out the book Wendell had given him. "You can see the space where it belongs. Fred, of course, thought the downward blow would be another indication that you had done it. Too bad so much planning couldn't have been devoted to a good cause."

"Too bad," Paul Lane said, "that he had to do this to learn that crime never pays." the end

STAMP PAGE

Alhambra

THE southern provinces of Spain have been inhabited and controlled by the Moors for close to 800 years and it was not until 1492 that they were expelled from the country. During these centuries of conquest the Moors brought with them their intricate artistic talents and fine architecture, which they incorporated in their citadel of the Alhambra in Granada. This palace and fortress of the Moorish kings was described as one of the most beautiful palaces of all Europe. It required many skilled



Fountain of Lions
in the Alhambra

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Charles Biro



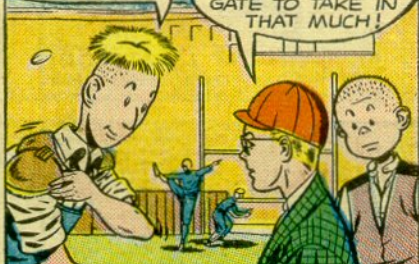
GEE, I HATE TO THINK OF IT-BUT AFTER OUR POST-SEASON GAME WITH THE LIONS THERE'LL BE NO MORE FOOTBALL TILL NEXT YEAR!

LET'S PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER!



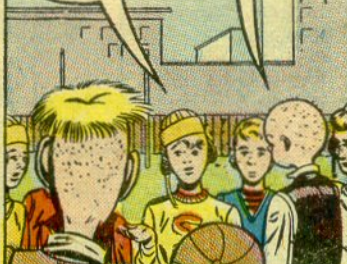
HOW MUCH MORE MONEY DO WE NEED TO BUY THE NEW CLUB-HOUSE, JOCK?

FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS, THAT'LL MAKE THE TWELVE HUNDRED! WE'LL NEED A BIG GATE TO TAKE IN THAT MUCH!



BOY, THAT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY!

BUT WHAT A SLICK CLUBHOUSE IT'LL BE!



HEY! GET A LOAD OF WHAT JUST DROVE UP!

YOU CAN CALL FOR ME AT FOUR, JAMES!



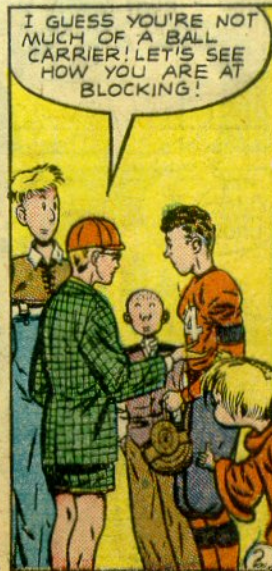
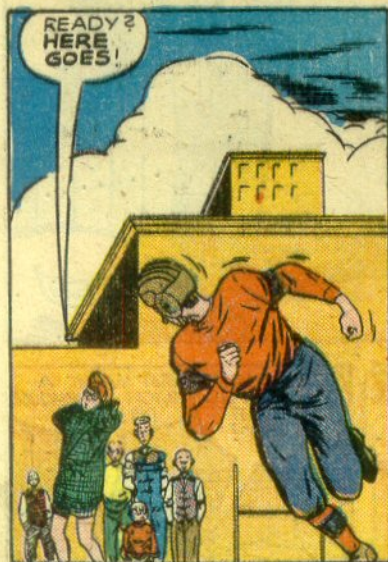
FOR PETE'S SAKE! IT'S LAWRENCE UPPERLIP! WHAT'S HE DOING ALL TOGGED UP IN FOOT-BALL CLOTHES?

I THOUGHT HE WAS TOO HIGH-HAT FOR SANDLOT FOOTBALL!



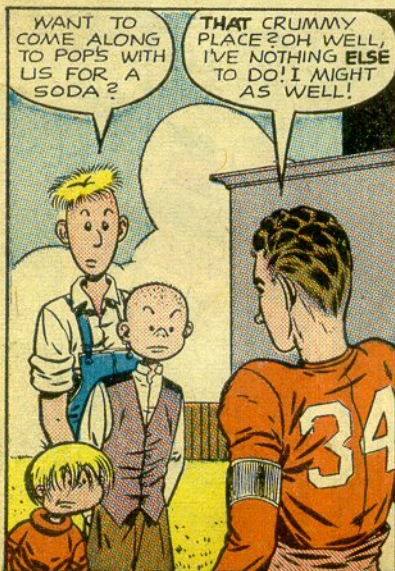
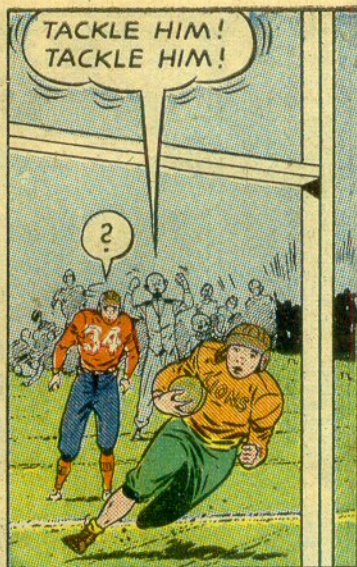
HELLO, FELLOWS! I'VE DECIDED TO PLAY FOOTBALL WITH YOU, AFTER ALL!

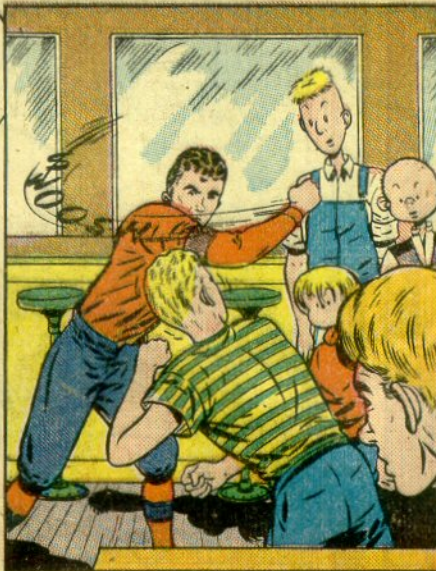


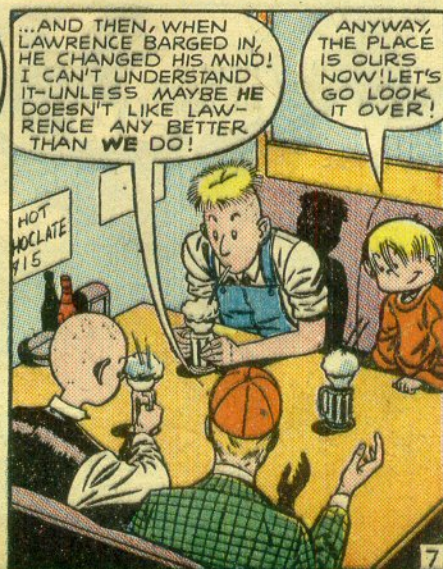
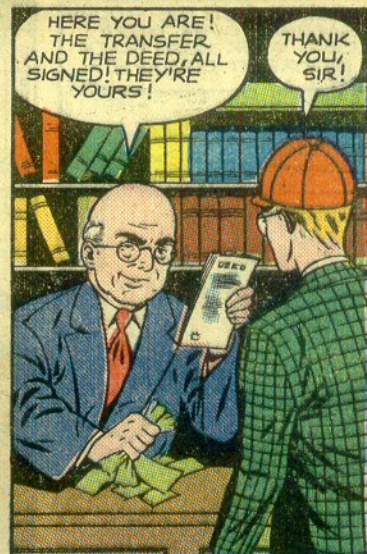


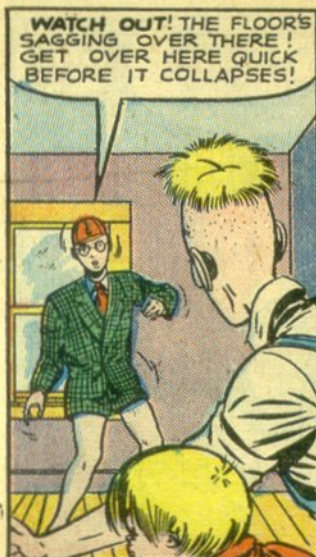


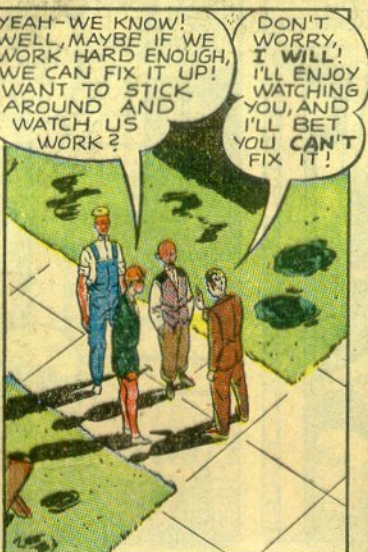














FATHER!
FATHER!
THAT
PROPERTY
YOU...

GET OUT OF HERE!
LOOK AT YOUR
SHOES! YOU'RE
TRACKING MUD
OVER THE RUG!

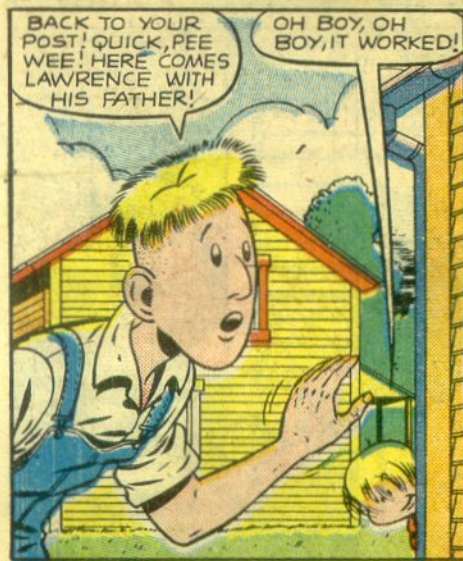


IT'S NOT MUD,
FATHER-THIS STUFF
ON MY SHOES...
IT'S OIL! OIL!
AND IT'S ALL
OVER THAT
PROPERTY YOU
SOLD THOSE
BOYS!

PROBABLY
SOMEONE
SPILLED
SOME BY
ACCIDENT!



NO! NO, FATHER! YOU
DON'T UNDERSTAND!
IT'S SQUIRTING OUT
OF THE GROUND! I
SAW IT WITH MY
OWN EYES! COME
SEE FOR YOUR-
SELF!



BACK TO YOUR
POST! QUICK, PEE
WEE! HERE COMES
LAWRENCE WITH
HIS FATHER!

OH BOY, OH
BOY, IT WORKED!

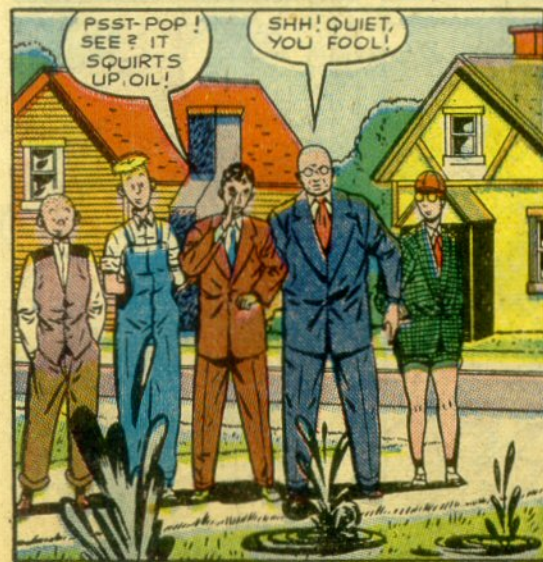


HELLO, BOYS!
HOW ARE
YOU MAKING
OUT?

NOT SO GOOD, MR.
UPPERLIP! YOU SHOULD
HAVE TOLD US THIS
BUILDING WAS ALIVE
WITH TERMITES AND
THAT THE LAND
WAS ALL BOGGY!



BOGGY? SURE, LOOK
AT IT! AND
WE'D COUNTED
ON FIXING IT
UP FOR OUT-
DOOR GAMES!



PSST-POP!
SEE? IT
SQUIRTS
UP, OIL!

SHH! QUIET,
YOU FOOL!

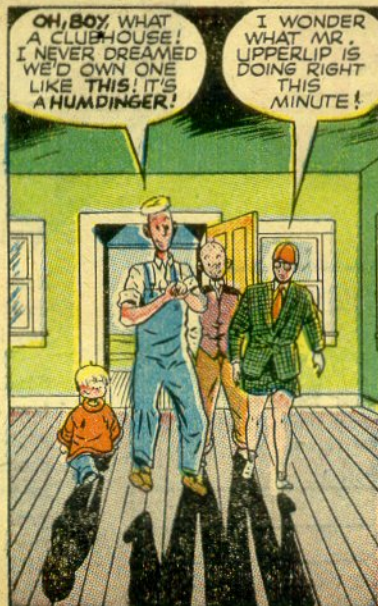
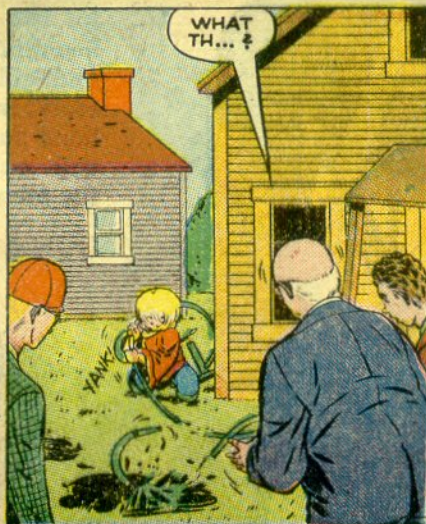
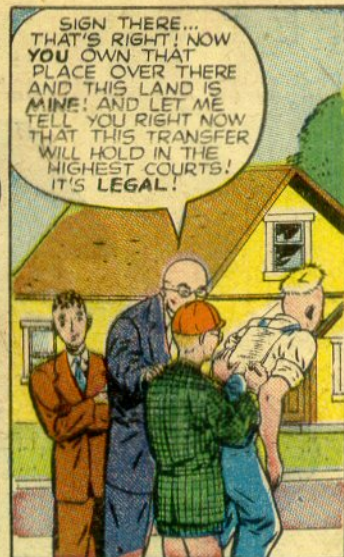


WELL, IF YOU'RE NOT
SATISFIED, I WOULDN'T
WANT YOU TO SAY I
TOOK ADVANTAGE OF
YOU! JUST TO SHOW
YOU HOW FAIR I AM,
I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR
MONEY BACK AND
WE'LL CALL THE
WHOLE DEAL
OFF!



THAT'S MIGHTY
NICE OF YOU,
MR. UPPERLIP!
BUT A DEAL
IS A DEAL!
WE'LL FIX IT
UP SOMEHOW!

I CAN'T ALLOW
YOU TO RISK
YOUR LIVES!
WHY DON'T
YOU BUY
THAT PLACE
ACROSS THE
STREET,
INSTEAD?



Thrilling! New!

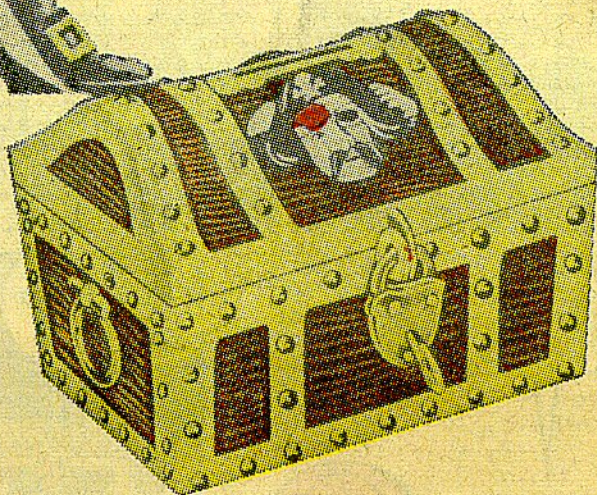


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